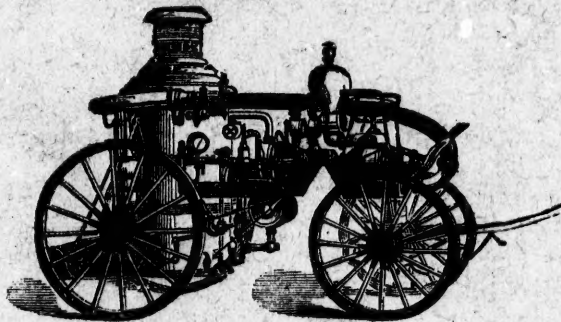




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RULE I.

Section 1.—This Company shall be called the VOLUNTEER STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY, and shall consist of not less than twenty-five members.

Section 2.—The Officers of the Company shall consist of a Captain, first Lieutenant, second Lieutenant and Secy-Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual meeting. This election to be by ballot.

Section 3.—The Company shall be divided into two sections, viz : first, Engine men ; second, Leading Hose men. The men constituting these Sections to be appointed by the Captain.

RULE II.

OFFICERS' DUTIES.

Section 1.—The Captain shall preside at all regular and special meetings, and give the casting vote only; and shall have power to call special meetings when deemed necessary. He shall have command of the Company at all Fires, trials, and demonstrations.

Section 2.—In the absence of the Captain the senior Officer shall preside or command and perform his duties.

Section 3.—The first Lieutenant shall have charge of the Engine, under the Captain's directions, and in the absence of the Captain take command and perform his duties.

Section 4.—The Second Lieutenant shall have charge of the leading Hose, under the Captain's directions, and in the absence of the Captain and first Lieutenant, take command and perform their duties.

Section 5.—The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a book in which he shall record a correct list of the Company, a copy of these rules, and minutes of all meetings. He shall call the roll at the hour stated for meeting, at the close of all meetings, and after fires. He shall notify all members of special meetings, and newly elected members of their election within one week thereafter. He shall collect all fines and assessments, keep a correct account of all monies received and pay out the same as the Company may direct.

Section 6.—The Secretary shall call the Fine

Roll at the next regular meeting after Fires, meetings, &c., when members shall give their excuses to the Company, or pay their fines at the same meeting.

Section 7.—At the Annual meeting, the Secy-Treasurer shall furnish the Company with a list of members in arrears and the amount due by each man, also a general statement of the affairs of the Company.

RULE III.

MEMBERS' DUTIES.

Section 1.—Any member who shall absent himself from duty or who shall be guilty of improper or disorderly conduct at any meeting or fire, or who shall disobey the order of the Captain or officer commanding the Company, shall be excused, fined, or expelled as the Company may determine.

Section 2.—On the alarm of fire each member shall proceed to the Engine or Hose, and assume his duty, and he shall not leave until they are returned to the Engine House and the roll called (unless by leave of the Officer in charge) under a penalty of 50 cents.

Section 3.—Members are liable to a fine of 50 cents for absence from fires or alarms, unless excused by the Company (the ringing of the Church bells to be considered an alarm.)

Section 4.—Any member absenting himself from three Monthly Meetings shall be notified by Secretary that his name will be erased from

the books unless good reasons for his absence be given.

Section 5.—If after a fire or trial the Officer in command thinks it necessary to examine and clean the Hose, he shall appoint a time for that purpose, and on due notice any person neglecting to attend shall be fined 50 cents.

Section 6.—A two-third ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the members present shall be necessary to expel a member from the Company, such member to receive a notice to attend the meeting and answer the charge.

Section 7.—Any member who shall neglect or refuse to pay his arrears within one month after the January meeting, may be expelled at the option of the Company.

Section 8.—A member in good standing may, by applying to the Company, obtain leave of absence not to exceed six months, such member to be exempt from all fines while absent.

RULE IV.

MEETINGS.

Section 1,—The regular meeting of the Company shall be held at the Engine House, on the first Monday of each Month, at 7 o'clock, P. M., excepting for Drill meetings, which shall be on the first Mondays of June and September, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Section 2.—The annual meeting of the Company shall be held on the first Monday in January.

Section 3.—Any member having any remarks to make shall stand and respectfully address the chair, and any one disobeying a call to order shall be fined or reprimanded at the option of the members present.

RULE V.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Section 1.—Any person being of the full age of 18 years and upwards, having been proposed by a member of the Company, at a regular meeting, shall be balloted for, and if elected, his name shall be placed on the books of the company.

Section 2.—No person shall be elected if on examination of the ballot three (3) black Balls appear against him.

Section 3.—The names of all newly elected members shall be sent to the Town Council for approval.

Section 4.—At all elections, the vote shall be by ballot, the Captain or presiding Officer shall appoint two scrutineers to count the ballots when the result shall be made known to the meeting.

Section 5.—The vote of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members present at a meeting shall be necessary in making any appropriation of money, except in paying all just debts of the company.

Section 6.—No procession, pic-nic, or other demonstration shall be taken part in by the Company, unless the resolution providing for the same receive the approval of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members present at the meeting.

Section 7.—Sickness or leave of absence in writing shall be the only excuse for non-attendance at meetings.

RULE VI.

UNIFORM.

Section 1.—The uniform of the Company shall be Scarlet Shirt, Blue trimming, Black Trousers, Black Patent Leather Belt, Scarlet Leather trimming, Black Glazed Hat with name of Engine on Ribbon.

RULE VII.

FINES AND DUES.

Section 1.—Any member appearing at the regular Drill meeting without Uniform shall be fined 25 cents.

Section 2.—The fines for regular monthly meetings shall be : If late, 10 cents ; Non-Attendance, 30 cents ; Wanting Key to Engine House, 10 cents ; Leaving Meeting without permission, 20 cents.

Section 3.—Fines at regular Drill meetings, if after the Engine or Hose Cart has left House, 25 cents ; Non-Attendance, 50 cents

RULE VIII.

CADETS.

Section 1.—Any person wishing to become a Cadet of the Company may be proposed at any regular meeting, balloted for in the manner pre-

scribed for regular members, and if elected his name placed on the books as a Cadet.

Section 2.—Cadets may be present at any and all meetings of the Company, but shall not be entitled to vote on any question before the meeting.

Section 3.—On a vacancy occurring in the Company the Senior Cadet on the books shall be entitled to the vacancy.

Section 4.—More than four names shall not be permitted to be on the books as Cadets at one time.

RULE IX.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1.—Roll call.
- 2.—Minutes Read
- 3.—Fines Collected.
- 4.—Report of Committees.
- 5.—Applications for Membership.
- 6.—Election of Members.
- 7.—New Business.
- 8.—Receipts of the Evening.
- 9.—Adjournment.

RULE X.

In order to repeal, alter or amend, any portion of the foregoing Rules, it shall be necessary that notice in writing be given, at least one month previous to the meeting on which it is proposed to discuss the same, and a two-third vote of the members present shall be necessary to make such alteration.